executed projects; (v) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving specific problems; and (vi) ensuring the Standing Committees in the Ministries/ Departments to assess and fix responsibility for time and cost overruns of projects.

Works under MPLAD scheme

3856. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that under MPLAD scheme about 6250 works have been executed by district authorities without sanction by concerned Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, in what manner this has happened and who is responsible for this procedural lapse on the part of district administrations;

(c) the amount involved therein and the action that is being taken to fix responsibility; and

(d) the steps Government have initiated to ensure avoid recurrence of such lapses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES). (a) to (d) The Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is implemented through the District Administrations as per the provisions of the Guidelines. However, some works are reported to have been executed by the District Administrations without recommendations of the concerned Member of Parliament. In such cases, the matters have been taken up with the concerned State Governments for immediate appropriate and remedial measures.

Mismanagement of MPLADS funds

3857. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MPLADS funds are being mismanaged;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether there is no proper allocating system in place for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) There are no reports of mismanagement of MPLADS funds. However, some

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irregularities in regard to the execution of MPLADS works have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The irregularities have been conveyed to the concerned State Governments and District Collectors for taking appropriate remedial measures.

(c) The proper allocating system of MPLADS fund has been provided in the Guidelines on MPLADS.

Method for estimating GDP

3858. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) in accordance with recommendations made by the National Statistical Commission (NSC) whether Government are undertaking any revision of the method currently adopted by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) for estimating GDP;

(b) if so, by when are the first series of figures of GDP estimated by the new method are likely to be released; and

(c) whether Government are anticipating any major differences in GDP estimates after the new series is adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The National Statistical Commission (NSC) has not recommended any major changes in the basic methodology for compilation of GDP. However, its recommendations for improvement in the quality of data in various sectors of the economy for the estimation of GDP were considered by the Advisory Committee on National Accounts. Accordingly some exploratory studies for improvement of existing/new data sets have been undertaken by the Ministry.

(b) As a normal exercise, the revision of base year of National Accounts Statistics (NAS) from 1993-94 to 1999-2000 is underway. The revised series on new base using recent datasets is planned to be released by 31st January, 2006.

(c) Since there is no major change in the basic methodology adopted in the estimation of GDP, no major differences in estimates in the revised series *vis-a-vis* present series are anticipated.